

## **Minutes – Egremont Water Meeting 8 September 2021**

Meeting – French Park - 3:00 PM

Participating: R. Palmucci; Poly Lanoue; M. Kolb; N. Stalker; M. McDonough; W. Brinker

### **General:**

Minutes of the August 12, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

August gallons pumped were 1,477,870.

Leak detection continues. NS reports the new detector is easy to use and provides good data.

Transponders are continuing to be updated.

Peg McDonough was introduced as the Town's new ARPA funds administrator. She will work with all departments to review requests for funding projects from the pool of money the government has allocated. With the increase in population because of the pandemic, there are challenges to water suppliers. The Municipal Vulnerability Planning Grant is in process; part of that is planning for the Water Department. The Commission is looking at all aspects of the water system, infrastructure is always a concern; expansion needs to be explored. A preliminary report will be sent to the fed in late October; there should be specific projects that have been identified for implementation for the Water Department.

A request is being forwarded to MA DEP to reduce the sampling frequency; this will entail providing consistently lower sample levels and planning with the DEP. It may take a few months to receive the approval for reduction.

The Commissioners are reviewing future needs and planning for the upcoming budget process.

Past due accounts are being reminded of their balances due.

The three turbidimeters are approaching the end of their useful life; they will be approximately \$3500 each to replace.

The rate increase will be billed out beginning with October use; customers were notified again with the latest billing.

The September billing commitment was signed in the amount of \$20,723.70

The next meeting will be October 7 at 3:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Brinker